

THE WEATHER
 Washington, March 18.—Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight.
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Owners Decide to Dismantle Foe's Fortifications on Helgoland; Kiel Canal Will Be Internationalized Under Terms of Treaty

RUSH TO DEFEND ZONE FARES AS ASSEMBLY ACTS

Trolleys Profitless, Say Public Service Heads, as Camden Cries "Gouge"

PLAN MASS-MEETINGS

Protest Storm Increases Fury Despite Promises of Corporation

With the storm of protest in Camden and vicinity against the Public Service Corporation's proposed zone-fare system gaining in fury the company today set out to win over the trolley riders by taking them into its confidence and seeking to convince them that the system will be better for them and for it.

League of Nations Do You Favor It or Are You Against It?

Beginning tomorrow, the Evening Public Ledger will take a poll of public opinion in Philadelphia on this much-discussed subject. Results, ABSOLUTELY AS ASCERTAINED, will be published daily.

Every one will have an opportunity to record his opinion. Polls will be taken at busy street corners, in the great ship plants, the mills, theatres, hotels, clubs, churches, City Hall, railroad stations, ferry houses and many other places where Philadelphians assemble.

Be ready to tell how you stand on the League of Nations when reporters for the Evening Public Ledger meet you. Co-operate in this effort to find out how our people feel about this, the greatest question before the world today.

MORE METHODIST SHIFTS COMING

Bishop Revises Assignment List After Dissatisfaction Develops

TRANSFERS ANNOUNCED

Methodist ministerial changes will be made public some time this afternoon. This announcement came a few moments before the hour when the list was to have been read to the members of the Philadelphia Conference, assembled in the Spring Garden Church, Twentieth and Spring Garden streets.

Final Day's Program at Methodist Conference

This is the closing day of the 122d annual Philadelphia Methodist Conference. The sessions began Tuesday last in the Spring Garden Church, Twentieth and Spring Garden streets. Today's events:

APPOINTMENTS SHIFTED

This, in turn, made necessary a complete shifting about of many appointments. Therefore the Bishop and his cabinet went into immediate executive session and the ministers and spectators were informed that the announcements could not be made until later.

NEW FLETCHER LEADER

The Rev. William G. Bennett, pastor of Pottsville Church, is to go to the Fletcher Memorial Church, Doctor Bennett has been a member of the conference since 1898.

THE REV. ROBERT H. CRAWFORD

now pastor of the Fletcher Church, goes to First Church, Lancaster, and the Rev. Ernest A. Bowden, pastor at Lancaster, is to go to the Columbia Avenue Church, Philadelphia.

THE REV. THOMAS W. DAVIS

chaplain of the State Senate and pastor at Ambler, is to be assigned to the Inter-Church Federation, Union Church at Hog Island. The Rev. Dr. John Watchorn, corresponding secretary of the City Missionary and Church Extension Society, has been preaching at Hog Island.

KARHOLSEN SHIFTS

The Rev. Lawrence P. Karholsen is to be shifted from the Memorial Church, Eighth and Cumberland streets, His

DELAWARE SPAN BILL INTRODUCED

Senator Vare Offers Measure Providing for Bridge to Camden

ARRANGES FOR COSTS

Harrisburg, March 18.—Senator Vare introduced in the Senate today the administration measure to provide for the erection of a bridge over the Delaware River connecting Philadelphia and Camden.

MAKE-UP OF COMMISSION

This commission shall comprise the Board of Commissioners of Public Buildings and Buildings, the Mayor of Philadelphia and two other citizens to be appointed by the Governor.

PROVIDES FOR EMPLOYEES

Authority is given to the joint commission to appoint a treasurer, who may not be a member of the commission; a secretary, an accountant, real estate agent, and a stenographer.

TRUCK DELAYS FERRIES

Workmen Held Up by Morning Accident at Camden Wharf

JUST THE FROGS!

Begin Spring Symphony, With Moon as Limelight

That spring symphony—did you hear it last night?

CASUALS COMING TODAY

Steamship From France Passes Delaware Capes With Cargo

GERMANY WILL DEPOSIT GOLD

Agrees to Place 450,000,000 Francs in Brussels Bank

DR. S. M. VERNON DARES GAS FUMES TO RESCUE WIFE

Methodist Conference Nestor and Spouse Overcome at Home

REVIVES HER FIVE TIMES

Venerable Clergyman Makes Retiring Report to Gathering Despite Ordeal

The Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Vernon, nestor of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference, was overcome by coal gas in his home at Roxborough yesterday after he had revived his wife five times when he found her unconscious from the fumes.

MAKES REPORT AFTER ORDEAL

After his experience of facing death yesterday Doctor Vernon, with great recuperative powers and determination of mind, was able to go to the conference immediately to make some report. He did not then mention that he had looked death in the face, and it was not until today that he mentioned it to a few friends. They passed the story on and presently all the conference knew of it.

CLERGYMAN HIMSELF COLLAPSES

The gas seemed to have ceased issuing from the radiator and Mrs. Vernon again undertook to prepare breakfast. Again she sank into unconsciousness and Doctor Vernon revived her three times more, but his strength failed each time before Mrs. Vernon had completely recovered.

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OH, LOOK, SPRING STYLES!

Balmy Day Makes Pedestrians Gaze at Warm-Weather Attire

HOFFMANN BAVARIAN PREMIER

Succeeds Eisner, Whose Constitution Is Approved

LEUT. SHARPLESS CONVICTED

Dismissed From Army for Escapade With Woman

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By the Associated Press



THE REV. DR. S. M. VERNON

LODGE AND LOWELL TO DEBATE

Senator and President of Harvard Will Discuss League

MAJOR WILLIAM A. WIEDERSEIM DIES

Major William A. Wiederseim died last night at his home, 2033 Spruce street, in his eightieth year. He was a veteran of the Civil War and a member of a distinguished Philadelphia family.

TWO MOTORCYCLISTS HURT IN COLLISION

Fred Eckert, twenty-three years old, 25 Chapel street, Merchantville, is expected to die, and Joseph Clark, twenty-two years old, 320 North Tenth street, Camden, is in a critical condition at the Cooper Hospital, Camden, following the collision of their motorcycle early this afternoon with a wagon at Sixth and Cooper Sts., Camden. The skulls of both men were fractured.

ASK FOR PROBE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HARRISBURG, March 18.—A joint resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of eight to investigate the public school system of Pennsylvania was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Frank E. Baldwin, of Potter County.

CHARGE ILL-TREATMENT

By the Associated Press

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Mayor's Legacy Annulled; Mennewisch Will Is Void

Register Sheehan Decides Testator Did Not Pen Document, Citing Similarity to Negro Woman's Handwriting—Relatives Get It

The will of Herman Mennewisch, a trustee to Mayor Smith and Annette Pulwood, a negro woman of Twenty-second and Lombard streets, was declared void today by Register of Wills Sheehan.

The estate will go to William Mennewisch and Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle, half-sister and half-sister of the testator.

In his decision Mr. Sheehan said there was an inevitable inference that the will was not written by Mennewisch and calls attention to the similarity of the handwriting of Annette Pulwood and that of the alleged will. This similarity was so extraordinary, he said, that it raised doubt as to the genuineness of the instrument.

Mennewisch died at the Philadelphia Hospital on December 16, and the will was received by Mayor Smith on the following day. The testament was written in a flimsy hand on cheap paper and requested the Mayor to give \$500 to the negro woman.

Three hearings were held and the genuineness of the will was attacked at the outset of the proceedings by J. Louis Breitinger, counsel for the half-brother and half-sister of Mennewisch.

When the Register announced his decision today, relatives of Mennewisch immediately applied for letters of administration.

After reviewing the case Mr. Sheehan said: "Two witnesses are necessary to prove the execution of a will. In this case three witnesses were called. Two of them had never seen Mennewisch write his name and their only knowledge of his handwriting arose from seeing him write the name of a former employer."

"The testimony of these witnesses and another is not sufficient to meet the legal standard. It has been held that the identity and integrity of the instrument executed are essential elements as the signature."

"The extraordinary similarity—compelling an inevitable inference—of the writing of a legatee entitled to a minor interest under the paper, to the handwriting in the alleged will creates a question so serious as to annul any document so signed, as to annul any weight that might have been accorded the testimony of witnesses. The petition is dismissed and probate of the document refused."

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Memphis, Tenn., March 18.—(By A. P.)—Thirty-five persons lost their lives in the storm which swept central and northern Mississippi, according to reports reaching here last night. The tornado crossed the Mississippi River into Issaquena County and passed through Sharkey and Washington and northward as far as Tippah County.

The reports say the dead at Sharkey numbered two white persons and eleven negroes; at Issaquena, two white persons and fourteen negroes; at Monmouth, two whites and at Tippah County a white girl.

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WILL DESTROY GERMAN BASE ON NORTH SEA

Teuton Warships May Not Be Disposed of in Peace Pact

QUESTION OF CABLES UP TO HIGH COUNCIL

Famous Waterway May Become Haven for Ships of Peaceful Nations

LEAGUE PLAN IN TREATY

British and French Expected to Adopt Wilson's View on Covenant

By the Associated Press

Paris, March 18.—The fortifications on the island of Helgoland, Germany's formidable base in the North Sea, must be dismantled. This decision was reached today by the Supreme Allied War Council.

It was decided also that the Kiel Canal should be internationalized and made available to the ships of all nations on even terms.

Disposition of German warships is not likely to be included in the treaty of peace, according to the view of the American peace delegation. Germany, however, will be required to surrender title to the ships. The ultimate ownership will be determined later.

The British delegation, it was announced today, has consented to refer to the Supreme Council the question of the future ownership of the German cables to America. All parties interested in the question are expressing their views.

TRIALS QUESTION AT ISSUE

The main question for discussion at the session today is the large one of securing accord between the great powers on all phases of the peace treaty and its early presentation to the Germans. It is expected an agreement as to the inclusion of the league of nations as an integral part of the peace treaty, in accordance with the resolution which already has been adopted by the Peace Conference.

POWERS ARE IN ACCORD

The general situation as to the peace treaty has been clarified during the last twenty-four hours by discussions between the heads of various delegations, and American commissioners took the view that the league of nations as an earnest, decisive effort to reconcile views into a common understanding in a comprehensive conclusion of military, naval, economic and financial terms, as well as the league of nations.

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FER IT OR AGIN IT?

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